

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1, 2, and 4-9 are presently pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her acknowledgement that claims 3-6, 7/3/2/1, 7/4/3/2/1, 8, and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants herein amend independent claim 1 to include the features of dependent claim 3, and cancel claim 3. Applicants herein also amend claim 5 to be in independent form, including all of the features of original independent claim 1, from which it depended.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as amended, is now allowable for its inclusion of the allowable features of claim 3. Therefore, claims 2, 4, and 7 are each allowable at least as dependent on an allowable independent claim. Applicants further respectfully submit that claim 5 is allowable as rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claims 6, 8, and 9 are each allowable at least as dependent on an allowable independent claim.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully contend that the above application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the above application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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